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January 1st, Paris:

Ah! Good God! What red arms you've got! What a dirty dress! Don't you ever change your dress ? I've seen that one at least twenty times!

Why don't you put on rouge ? You're too pale. What ? A woman who forgets her rouge ? That wouldn't happen to you, would it, Josephine ?

February 1st. We appoint our brother-in-law, Marshal Murat, Grand Admiral of the Empire.

27th. The time is drawing near when we can begin operations.

March 15th, Malmaison:

(To Vice-Admiral Ganteaume.) We have reached the 15th of March; there is not a day to spare. Be mindful of the greatness of the results that depend on you. If you show plenty of boldness, success is certain. In the Mediterranean Nelson has been damaged by the storms; he has only twelve of the line.

17th, Paris:

The Emperor of the French, Napoleon I, is King of Italy. The crown of Italy is hereditary by direct descent.

20th, Malmaison:

(To Marshal Berthier.) My Cousin: I would like you to write to Marshal Bernadotte to have him send out people travelling under various pretexts in the provinces of Polish Russia, so that we may be well posted as to any movements of the Russian troops.